

Children and the Very Young

- New Brunswick children aged 14 and under accounted for 16.2% of the provincial population in 2006, their lowest share ever. This was down from 17.8% in 2001 and well below the 38.0% reported in 1961 at the height of the baby-boom period.
- In 2006, the census enumerated 118,250 persons under 15 years of age in the province, a 9.1% decrease from 2001. Just over half of the children in 2006 were male (51.3%).
- Nationally, children aged 14 and under accounted for 17.7% of the total population in 2006, down from 19.1% in 2001, and well below the proportion in 1961 when one person in three was aged 14 and under.
- The under-15 population in Canada declined by 2.5% between 2001 and 2006, falling to 5.6 million children.
- Of the 103 New Brunswick municipalities in 2006, the village of St. Hilaire had the highest proportion of children aged 14 and under, while the village of Dorchester had the lowest.
- The number of pre-school children in the province (those 0-4 years of age) totaled just over 34,400 in 2006 and represented less than 5% of the total population. This was down from the 37,700 reported in 2001.

